9-30 P.M.

Social boycott of Harijans in Villages of Chitapur Constituency.

807. SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR (Chitapur).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(a) whether Government is aware of the worsening of Law and Order si uation in some villages of Chittapur Constituency, Gulbarga District; viz.. Aurad (B) Taluk, Gulbarga, Gundgurthi Village, Taluk, Chittapur;

(b) whether Government is aware that Harijans in these villages are being socially boycotted by caste Hindus and that atrocities are being perpetuated on them ?

SRI B. SUBBAYYA SHETTY (Minister for Education) [on behalf of Sri D. Devaraj Urs (Chief Minister).—

(a) The situation in the villages mentioned is fully under control and there is no law and order problem in that area.

(b) Though one or two stray cases under Civil Rights Protection Act have been reported from that area no general boycott of Harijans by caste Hindus has been reported.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—In answer to my quest on (b) it is stated that though one or two stray cases under Civil Rights Protection Act have been reported from that area, no general boycott of Harijans by caste Hindus has been reported. Can the Hon'ble Minister kindly give details regarding the cases ?

† SRI B. SUBBAYYA SHETTY.—On 21st March 1978 during the celebration of Urs of Mahaboob Subhan at the village of Gundgurti in Chitapur Taluk, there was "GI GI PADA (folk song)" during which some Harijan boys of the village insisted on the singer singing some songs in honour of Dr. Ambedkar. This was objected to by others and hence there was quarrel, in which one Haneef and five others of the said village assaulted one Harijan, namely Harischandra, with axe, causing injuries. A case in Shahbad Rural Police Station Cr. No. 28/78 under sections 147, 148, 324 read with 149 IPC was registered, investigated and was chargesheeted on 17th May 1978 in the court of J.M.F C. Chitapur and is sub-judice.

We have not seen any cases in which the Harijans were boycotted in the village. But, two cases were reported from Chitapur Constituency in which, on 16th February 1978 at 4-30 P. M. Devendrappa and other Harijans were refused to be served with tea on grounds of caste by accused Shivalingayya Swamy, a hotel keeper at village Alloli. In this connection a case has been registered in Cr. No. 79/78 under Section 4/6 of P C.R. Act, and it is pending trial.

In another case on 3rd April 1978 at 7 p. m. Subash and other Harijans of Balwadgi village were also refused to be served tea on grounds of caste by accused Mahaboob Patel, a hotel keeper. A case has been registered in Cr. No. 73/78 under Section 406 Protection of Civil Rights Act charge sheeted. The same is pending trial.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—No report has come regarding Aurad village in Gulbarga taluk in Chitapur constituency where there was difficulty for Scheduled Caste people even to get into the grocer shop and flour mills and hotels. I have personally visited that village and found that they were feeling difficulty. Will the government think of providing something to these people to see that the situation in the village is restored ? These people were unable to eke out their livelihood. Will the Government take immediate steps in this regard?

SRI B.SUBBAYYA SHETTY.—Definitely Government will take whatever steps are necessary not merely to protect the interests of the Scheduled Caste people and to mitigate the difficulties of Scheduled Caste people who are put to such difficulties.

SRI SHER KHAN.—For supporting the Harijans one Mr. Anna Rao Patil was murdered in Gundgurthi village and one Haneef is involved in the murder. I want to know what steps are taken with regard to this murder case ?

SRI B. SUBBAYYA SHETTY.—A separate question may be asked.

SRI SHER KHAN.—This is a connecting question.

SRI B. SUBBAYYA SHETTY.—Sir, the matter will be examined. I do not know about it.

Applications filed by tenants to Land Tribunal-Hoskote

812 SRI B. N. BACHE GOWDA (Hoskote) Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state,—

(*a*) the number of applications submitted by the tenants to the Land Tribunal in Hoskote; of them, the number of cases disposed off and to be disposed off;

(*b*) the number of darakhast records made as per the Government order to the ryots who have cultivated the lands unauthorisedly and the number of ryots benefited from this ;

(*c*) the total extent of land acquired by the ryots from such cultivation ;

(*d*) the number of cases disposed off by the Land Tribunal in favour of tenants and land owners;